PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 2018-346-C

Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("HTC" or "the Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in two eligible census blocks located in Georgetown County and one eligible census block located in Marion County in order to receive federal universal service support under Sections 214 and 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Connect America Fund Phase II ("CAF Phase II") auction. The Company currently has authority to provide service as a CLEC in Georgetown County. The Company is in the process of applying to expand its authority to provide service as a CLEC in AT&T-South Carolina's service area in Marion County. The Application was filed pursuant to 47 USC Sections 214(e)(1) and 214(e)(2), Sections 54.101, 54.201, and 54.202 of the rules of the FCC, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-690 and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-346-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Margaret M. Fox, Counsel, McNair Law Firm, P.A. Post Office Box 11390 Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 19, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2018-346-C and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket*. Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 19, 2018**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2018-346-C*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Wednesday**, **January 23**, **2019**, **at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: 1/2/2018; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: 1/2/2019; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: 1/9/2019; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: 1/16/2019. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under *Docket No. 2018-346-C*.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2018-346-C*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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